

# Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church

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**“Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High.”**

Luke 1:31-32

## Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

### PASTORAL STAFF

**Pastor:** Rev. Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco

**Parochial Vicars:** Rev. Ethel Anarado + Rev. John Sureau

**Pastor Emeritus:** Rev. Msgr. Daniel S. Hamilton

**Deacons:** Deacon Frank A. Odin + Deacon William Crosby + Deacon Douglas G. Smith

**Business Manager:** Deacon Thomas J. Bast

**Coordinator of Faith Formation:** April Kleinlaut

**Music Director:** Christopher Ferraro

### COME IN AND PRAY...

Our church is open **6:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.** seven days a week, except for Thursdays when it closes after the 12:15 p.m. Mass for cleaning. Come in and spend some time in prayer.

### MASS SCHEDULE

**Monday – Friday**

6:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

**Saturday Morning:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturday Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Sunday Masses:** 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

**Vigil:** 5:00 p.m.

**Holy Day:** 6:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

### LITURGY OF THE HOURS

We pray Evening Prayer each Saturday and Sunday after the 5 p.m. Mass.

We pray Daytime Prayer each Wednesday at 1:50 p.m.

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Monday – Friday following the 12:15 p.m. Mass.  
Saturday: 4:00 to 4:45 p.m.

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available by making an appointment with one of our priests.*

### OLPH NOVENA DEVOTIONS

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church (unless otherwise announced)

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Monday Evening:** after OLPH Novena Devotions

**Wednesday:** 12:45 to 2:00 p.m.

**First Sunday:** 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

**First Saturday:** 8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

210 S. Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst

**Monday- Friday:** 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

**Saturday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**Sunday:** 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

# THE CHRISTMAS SEASON @ OLPH



**Christmas Eve - Wednesday, December 24**

5:00 P.M., 8:00 P.M., and 12:00 Midnight Mass

*Christmas Carols begin at 11:30 P.M.*

**Christmas Day - Thursday, December 25**

8:00 A.M., 9:30 A.M.

11:00 A.M. and 12:30 P.M.

*The 6:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. Masses will not be celebrated on Christmas Day.*

**Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

**Vigil of Solemnity—Wednesday, December 31**

**5:00pm**

**Thursday, January 1, 2015**

**10:00am and 12:15pm and 7:30 pm**

*The 6:30 A.M. Mass will not be celebrated on January 1st.*

## CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Help decorate our Church for the Christmas season.

**THIS MONDAY**

**December 22, 2014**

**1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

Many helping hands are needed to assist in organizing our poinsettias, arranging Christmas trees and much more. The more help we have the more beautiful our Church will be! All ages welcome!



## Christmas Spiritual Bouquet Cards



Join in the Mass intentions for the Masses of Christmas by using the Christmas Spiritual Bouquet cards which are now available throughout the church. These cards are a wonderful and meaningful way for you to remember your loved ones at Christmas and to have them prayed for at our Christmas Masses. Return the envelope with your donation in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory, and keep the card to send your Christmas Spiritual Bouquet.

## THE PASTOR'S PAGE

### *The Final Days of Advent*

Our season of longing and expectation is coming to fulfillment. Notice I did not say “drawing to a close,” but rather, “coming to fulfillment.” God always fulfills His promises and exceeds our hopes. We continue to long for the Second Coming of the Lord, knowing that God will establish His Kingdom definitively and majestically. However, at this point, we turn our attention to the more-immediate reality of the coming feast of The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas.

I truly believe there is a direct connection between how well we kept Advent and how well we can (or cannot) celebrate Christmas Time: the better we prepared and kept an appropriate Advent spirituality, the richer will be our celebration of Christmas Time — we will not have been exhausted by the time Christmas Time comes. How blessed we were this year to have celebrated Advent so well at OLPH! Think about all the ways we kept the spirituality of Advent, which has prepared us to celebrate Christmas; allow me to mention just a few: our spiritual presentations of the special concert and of Lessons and Carols; our indoor and outdoor decorations which were festive and hinted at the approach of Christmas, yet still were distinct; and our new outdoor Advent wreath (extraordinary!!!). I take this opportunity to thank all our parish ministers, musicians, indoor and outdoor decorators, and everyone who in any way offered their time and their talent to help us keep the proper spirit of Advent.

Now, in these last days of Advent, our energies can focus more intently on the approaching feast. Last Friday night we enjoyed a beautiful Christmas Pageant enacted by the children of our parish along with the assistance of many teens and adults, and it was a late-Advent event that filled our hearts with joy (another “OLPH moment!”). I am so very grateful to all who worked so hard and to all who either participated in or attended the Pageant. In the days that remain before Christmas, I invite you to once again use the spiritual material we have included in this bulletin for your prayer and reflection at home, including the continued praying of the “O Antiphons” each day. Together let’s allow these last days before Christmas to build to a fever pitch of excitement as together we cry out, “*Come, Lord Jesus!*”

### *The Nativity of the Lord*

Be careful of underestimating the depth of what we celebrate at Christmas. It’s not “just for the children,” as we sometimes say; it’s for adults too. It’s much more than just the birthday of a child born 2,000 years ago; it’s about the Incarnation, about God becoming human, living a human life, and revealing Himself to us in Jesus, the Son of God, who died and

rose in order to save us from our sins.

A virgin conceived. God became human. A promise was fulfilled. The world was changed forever. It is our job at Christmas to become overwhelmed at the thought of the indescribable goodness of God who emptied Himself to become one of us. Recall the ancient formula that originated with St. Athanasius: the Son of God became man so that we might become divine — in other words, so that men and women might become partakers of the divine nature, sharing the very life of God. The best gift to give at Christmas is the gift of a life lived in holiness and love as a self-less offering to God and to others.

Remember how the Church calculates Christmas Time: Christmas Time begins on Christmas Eve and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which this year is on January 11, 2015. Celebrate all of Christmas Time well! Have Christmas parties in that time frame, and have even an Epiphany party! Our consumer-driven society tries to corrupt Christmas Time by telling us that the “Christmas Season” (or worse, “holiday season”) begins with Thanksgiving and ends on Christmas Day, but we know how incorrect that is. Just as you have celebrated Advent well, celebrate the fullness of Christmas Time well!

The liturgy unfolds for us the full meaning of the Incarnation. Christmas Time celebrates not only the Nativity of the Lord, but also His first manifestations (Holy Family, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord). It’s all about seeing the glory of the Lord which has come in our midst!

Allow me to offer a word about our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses: **there will be more people here than usual!** You know it and I know it, and it seems to me that it does us no good to gripe about it or to resent our brothers and sisters who come to Mass only a few times a year. Yes, I agree 100% that everyone should be at Mass every week; I have no difficulty telling people that. The inescapable fact remains, however, that we do have people who come only for Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and Easter (if even that frequently). The choice is ours as to whether we will gripe or we will be hospitable, and whether we will manifest the true Christian spirit or whether we will offer a contradictory and counter-witness. Recall the statement I made earlier: The best gift to give at Christmas is the gift of a life lived in holiness and love as a self-less offering to God and to others. Let’s apply that to our brothers and sisters who come for Christmas...even though the parking will be a little crazier, and even though they might commit the “unforgiveable sin” of sitting in YOUR seat! Kindness and patience go a long way!

***Deck the church with boughs of holly....***

This Monday, December 22, at 1:00 p.m., we will be decorating the church for Christmas. Since "many hands make light work," you are invited to come on down and help out. There's a real joy and excitement whenever parishioners come together to offer their time on projects such as this, so why not consider joining us?

We were very fortunate to be able to add some additional decorations this year. We have added several wreaths on the walls outside the confessionals and in a couple of other places. I wasn't originally going to add decorations this year, since we are doing our best to control costs in all areas, but I received a generous donation specifically for this purpose, asking that the additional wreaths be purchased. I am very grateful and I know that, once again, our church environment will be beautiful for the season.

***Altar Server Recruitment***

As you can see, we are doing another altar server recruitment. Now is the time for boys and girls of the parish fourth grade and older to sign up to be an altar server. Full training is provided, and we have a lot of fun along the way! We currently have twenty-eight (28) altar servers, and each and every one of them does a tremendous job, but we really do need more. I would love to have a total of between 60 and 80 altar servers, so we have a way to go before reaching that goal.

Parents: encourage your son or daughter fourth grade or older to become an altar server! It's a great way to be more involved in the life of OLPH! See the flyer elsewhere in the bulletin.

***Eagle Scout Project: Decorative Wall Panels***

Here at OLPH we have been fortunate to be the recipient of several Eagle Scout projects, and I am happy to say that it has happened again. Christian Brady, who, in addition to his participation in the

OLPH Scouts, is also active in the parish as a sacristan, an altar server, and an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, has done his Eagle Scout project with this parish as the beneficiary. Christian has made several decorative and portable lattice wall panels that can be used for a variety of purposes. They can be used as backdrops for occasions such as Special Needs Masses, as decorations for hospitality events, and as space dividers for events that take place in the auditorium and elsewhere in the school building. As time goes by I'm sure we'll continue to see how useful and valuable these wall panels are to various groups and at many activities in the parish. I am grateful to Christian and to his entire family for the time and effort they, along with Christian's fellow Scouts, put into this project, and for the presence and service that the Brady family gives to the parish in general. *Great job, Christian, and thank you!* What a blessing it is for us to have such fine young men in the parish who make the commitment to attaining the rank of Eagle Scout!

***In conclusion...***

Together, let's aim high in Christ. Together, let's bring out the best in each other. Together, let's be the best we can be in Christ.

And let's always remember: LOVE IS A GIFT.

Sincerely,


**CHRISTMAS OBSERVANCES**

In observance of the Christmas holiday, the rectory office will close at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, December 24 and will re-open again on Friday morning, December 26, at 9:00 a.m.

The 12:15 P.M. will NOT be celebrated on Wednesday, December 24th.

**THE NEW  
SUNDAY'S WORD  
FOR 2015**

The new Sunday's Word book for the new liturgical cycle, Year B (2015) which began with the First Sunday of Advent (November 30, 2014) is still available at the rectory and may be purchased for \$2.00 each.



## Fourth Week of Advent

### Lighting Your Advent Wreath During the Week

Each day during the fourth week of Advent, at the evening meal, all four candles are lit. The following prayers accompany the lighting of the candles.

*All make the sign of the cross:* **In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Someone at table reads the Scripture assigned to the liturgy of the day (one or both of the readings may be used). See the list of daily readings printed elsewhere in this bulletin. Then the Leader continues:*

*Leader:* **Lift up your hearts.**

*All respond:* **We lift them up to the Lord.**

*The Leader prays:* **God, the Father of mercies, you willed your Son to take flesh, in order to give life back to us. Bless these your gifts with which we are about to nourish our bodies, so that, receiving new strength, we may wait in watchfulness for the glorious coming of Christ. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*After the meal, the Leader says:* **Let us live soberly, justly, and devoutly in this world as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.**

*All respond:* **For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

### Thoughts to Ponder during Advent....

*The weekdays from December 17 up to and including December 24 are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord.*

- Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar

### O Antiphons...

*Advent is the season of hope and longing. Jesus is the One who fulfills our hopes and satisfies the longings of our hearts. As our hopes and longings intensify, even the prayer of the Church takes on a special sense of urgency. Throughout the world, Christians invoke Jesus' coming by praying the "O Antiphons." These short but powerful petitions use the ancient Messianic titles to describe who Jesus truly is and what He will do for His people.*

**On December 21 pray: "O Radiant Dawn, splendor of eternal light, sun of justice: come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death."**

**On December 22 pray: "O King of all the nations, the only joy of every human heart; O Keystone of the mighty arch of man, come and save the creature you fashioned from the dust."**

**On December 23 pray: "O Emmanuel, king and lawgiver, desire of the nations, Savior of all people, come and set us free, Lord our God."**

**On December 24 pray: "Today you will know the Lord is coming, and in the morning you will see his glory."**

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*Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

— Collect of the Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

### Blessing of a Christmas Tree

*All make the sign of the cross to begin, and then the Leader continues with this greeting:*

*Leader:* **Let us glorify Christ our light, who brings salvation and peace into our midst, now and forever.**

*All respond:* **Amen.**

*Leader:* **My brothers and sisters, amidst signs and wonders Christ Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea: his birth brings joy to our hearts and enlightenment to our minds. With this tree, decorated and adorned, may we welcome Christ among us; may its lights guide us to the perfect light.**



## Fourth Week of Advent

*Then someone proclaims the reading:*

**Reader:** Listen to the words of the letter of St. Paul to Titus: But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The word of the Lord.

*All respond:* Thanks be to God.

**Leader:** Let us ask God to send his blessing upon us and upon this sign of our faith in the Lord. Our response will be: Lord, give light to our hearts.

That this tree of lights may remind us of the tree of glory on which Christ accomplished our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the joy of Christmas may always be in our home, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

That the peace of Christ may dwell in our hearts and in the world, let us pray to the Lord. R/.

*Then the Leader continues:* Lord our God, we praise you for the light of creation: the sun, the moon, and the stars of the night. We praise you for the light of Israel: the Law, the prophets, and the wisdom of the Scriptures. We praise you for Jesus Christ, your Son: he is Emmanuel, God-with-us, the Prince of Peace, who fills us with the wonder of your love. Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illumine this tree. May the light and cheer it gives be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The lights of the tree are now illuminated. Then the Leader concludes:*

**Leader:** May the God of glory fill our hearts with peace and joy, now and forever.

*All respond:* Amen.

*The blessing concludes with a verse from* O Come, O Come, Emmanuel:

**O come, thou dayspring, come and cheer**

**Our spirits by thine advent here;**

**Disperse the gloomy clouds of night**

**And death's dark shadow put to flight.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel**

**shall come to thee, O Israel.**

### **Blessing of a Manger/Nativity Scene**



*The manger scene is blessed each year on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. All make the sign of the cross and the Leader begins:* **Our help is in the name of the Lord.**

*All respond:* **Who made heaven and earth.**

*Then someone proclaims the reading:*

**Reader:** Listen to the words of the holy gospel according to Luke: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment, when Quirinius was governor of Syria. So all went to be enrolled, each to his own town. And Joseph too went up from Galilee from the town of Nazareth to Judea, to the city of David that is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there, the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to her firstborn son. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. Now there were shepherds in that region living in the fields and keeping the night watch over their flock. The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Leader:** God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord, bless all who look upon this manger; may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

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*Christmas songs and carols may be sung, for example, It Came Upon the Midnight Clear.*

# BECOME AN ALTAR SERVER!!!

## ATTENTION BOYS AND GIRLS OF THE PARISH, FOURTH GRADE AND OLDER

We are in the process of **recruiting new Altar Servers!** Being an altar server is a great way to be involved at Our Lady of Perpetual Help. You make an important contribution to the life of the parish and you perform an important ministry. Besides, it's fun!!! You serve at weekend Masses and other special events, attend some meetings throughout the year, and have fun parties!



*Why not become an altar server? We would love to have you, and we will provide plenty of training — no prior experience is necessary!! If you are a boy or a girl who is in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older (it's o.k. if you are in 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, or even older!), you are invited to become an altar server.* Parents, why not mention it to your daughter or son to get them interested? Training will start soon, so sign up now. If you are interested, **mail or drop off the coupon below to Monsignor Joe at the Rectory, 210 South Wellwood Avenue** (*no phone calls, please; you must let me know in writing! It's OK to scan this page and send it electronically with all the info to [msgrio@oloph.org](mailto:msgrio@oloph.org)*).

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, PLEASE RESPOND BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2014, SINCE THE FIRST TRAINING MEETING WILL BE SOON AFTER THAT** (you will receive a letter giving you specific information).

***Sorry...no responses can be accepted after December 31!***

*We hope to hear from YOU!!!*

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Yes! I am interested in becoming an Altar Server! **RETURN THIS FORM BEFORE DEC. 31**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (month/day/year) \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_

Family Envelope/Registration Number \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*Required: Your family must be registered parishioners of OLPH as of December 2014.**

Year You Received First Holy Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Grade you are in right now \_\_\_\_\_

Check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to public school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I go to Catholic school; Name of School \_\_\_\_\_

# FRIENDS OF MUSIC

*“The musical tradition of the universal Church is a treasure of inestimable value, greater even than that of any other art.”*

- The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy #112

The *Friends of Music* is an initiative to help support the music ministry here at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. With the generosity of our *Friends*, we will be able to continue to offer beautiful music for our liturgies and concerts and special programs throughout the year. Please consider supporting the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church for the 2015 season.

Contributions are used to support the music program at Our Lady of Perpetual Help including Advent Lessons and Carols, concerts, additional brass, woodwind and string instruments for special liturgies on Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Contributions can be given at the following levels:

### **Cherubim (up to \$24)**

- Memorialization of a new choral folder for our youth choir or adult choir

### **St. Ambrose (\$25 to \$49)**

- Memorialization of a Gather hymnal with choral parts for our cantors and choirs
- Memorialization of Responsorial Psalm or Gospel Acclamation book for our cantors

### **St. Augustine (\$50 to \$99)**

- Memorialization of an octavo (sheet music) for one of our choirs
- Memorialization of a Gather hymnal instrumental accompaniment

### **St. Gregory the Great (\$100 to \$199)**

- Instrumentalist for special occasions (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, Lessons and Carols)
- Printing costs and paper for worship aids for one of our special occasions and liturgies

### **St. Cecilia (\$200 and above)**

- Co-sponsorship of one of our concerts or special programs

It will be primarily through the support of the *Friends of Music* that we will be able to expand our ability to produce high-quality music in this majestic space for the praise and glory of God. To make a contribution by mail, simply send a check made payable to OLPH to: *OLPH Friends of Music*

210 South Wellwood Avenue, Lindenhurst, NY 11757

If your contribution will be in memory of someone or in honor of an occasion such as an anniversary, birthday, etc., please make note of the event and/or person(s) name(s).

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Chris Ferraro at [cferraro@oloph.org](mailto:cferraro@oloph.org) or (631) 226-7725 ext. 210.

## **With Deep Gratitude to Our 2014 Friends of Music**

### **St. Cecilia**

- ◆ Joan Baffa
- ◆ Douglas and Carol Bertolino, *In memory of Cecelia Bankovich*
- ◆ Msgr. Joseph DeGrocco, *In memory of Marcy & Bill DeGrocco*
- ◆ Christopher and Cathy Ferraro
- ◆ Knights of Columbus OLPH Council
- ◆ Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary
- ◆ Sheila Lanza
- ◆ Stephen Strigaro
- ◆ Antoinette Walsh, *In honor of Msgr. Joe DeGrocco*

### **St. Gregory the Great**

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ Jennifer and Frank Farrugia
- ◆ The Keller Family
- ◆ James Kendall

### **St. Augustine**

- ◆ Anonymous
- ◆ August Garofalo, *In Memory of P.F.C. Vito Garofalo U.S.M.C killed in action, WWII, 6/4/45*
- ◆ Richard and MaryAnn Haas, *In memory of Frank and Margaret Trotta*
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- ◆ Janine Soroka, *In memory of John Soroka*

### **St. Ambrose**

- ◆ Patricia Dow, *In memory of Rita and Michael Francesco*
- ◆ Patricia Ralston, *In memory of John Gennardo*
- ◆ Linda Zarzycki, *In memory of Stanley J. Zarzycki*

### **Cherubim**

- ◆ Martin Gibbs
- ◆ Rose Mourdoukoutas
- ◆ Angela Zoccoli

**Join the *Friends of Music* at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and be a part of our music history!**

# PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

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## **NEW Food Pantry List!**

**CANNED FRUIT**  
**COFFEE**  
**SHELF STABLE MILK**  
**SOUP WITH MEAT**  
**JELLO & PUDDING**  
**PASTA SAUCE**  
**PORK & BEANS**  
**TUNA**  
**SHAMPOO & SOAP**  
**PAPER TOWELS**

Cut out this list and bring it with you when you go shopping!

## **Society of St. Vincent de Paul**

Located in the "New" School Building  
 Use Parking Lot located on corner of  
 Gates & High Streets

**631.226.7725 x. 234**

*The office is open:*

**Monday, Wednesday and Friday**  
**9 A.M. —12 Noon**

Imagine how Mary felt at the birth of Jesus: excited, awed, frightened. Deep faith was her light in the darkness, for Jesus was born during the night of the year when darkness is the longest. In faith is found the real, lasting, and deep joy of Christmas.

This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring Christmas to the hearts of the poor, by assisting families, providing food, gifts, and the prayers and support they desperately need. Thanks for your continued generosity.



## **MARCH FOR LIFE**

**Thursday, January 22, 2015**

Our parish is attending the Annual March for Life on **Thursday, January 22, 2015**. We will gather at OLPH at 5:00 A.M. for Mass in the Church and depart immediately after.

To RSVP to this event, contact Kathy Feldman of our Respect Life Committee at 631.225.9864.

A Free Will Offering of \$20.00 is requested to assist with the cost of the bus.

## PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY *Happenings*

### DRIVING MINISTRY

Our Driving Ministry assists parishioners in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment or to another serious appointment when needed. Over the past few months we have been able to help many parishioners!

For more information, contact Maureen Russo at 631.226.4182 or [princessmoge@optonline.net](mailto:princessmoge@optonline.net).

Do you know how you can be a driving minister? Invite a neighbor, particularly someone you know who is homebound, to come to Mass with you!

### GOLDEN AGE SOCIETY

Meets every 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month,  
11:30am—3:00pm

at K of C Hall—400 South Broadway  
Everyone is welcome. Please join us.

Any questions call President,  
Dolores Barone 631-957-3432.

### HOMELESS VAN MINISTRY

Thanks to all those who have expressed an interest in our outreach to the homeless. Throughout the month of December, our Homeless Van Ministry is now in an "exploration" phase as we are journeying out one night a week to meet those who are homeless and to learn the best ways to serve and minister to them.

*What can you do?*

-If you would like come out on a Wednesday night (probably from 10 P.M. to about 1 A.M.) in January and beyond, please contact Denise Redfern at [dredfern@oloph.org](mailto:dredfern@oloph.org).

-If you would like to prepare sandwiches, soup or another food for about 25 to 30 people, please contact Regina Muir at [rmuir11@aol.com](mailto:rmuir11@aol.com) or call 631.226.2709



-People have asked about making donations of clothes. If you have donations, please contact Patti Parez at 631.957.6203 or e-mail to [pp213806@aol.com](mailto:pp213806@aol.com).

### MIDDLE AGES

*Are you in your late 40s, 50s, or early 60s?  
Are you looking to meet other women and men your  
age for times of spirituality, socializing  
and social action?*

YOU are invited to join the Middle Ages group!

For information, call Gail Tonnessen at 631-957-1449 or email to [gtonness@optonline.net](mailto:gtonness@optonline.net).

### NEW MOTHERS' MEAL MINISTRY

*New mothers in OLPH Parish....*

You deserve a break today! Dinner is on us! if you have had a baby in the last couple of months, a member of our ministry would love to give you a break and cook a *carefully prepared dinner*, and deliver it to your home on a pre-agreed date.

#### NO STRINGS ATTACHED!

This ministry is also available to parents of preemies who are still in the hospital and don't have time to cook. You do not have to be a first time mother.

If you are interested in a dinner, please contact Carol Stysiack at 631-255 3506 or by e-mail at [carolstys@verizon.net](mailto:carolstys@verizon.net). Please put Meal Ministry in the subject line.

### SENIOR MOMENTS

*Avail yourself, men and women, 55 years +, of the opportunity to strengthen your relationship with God and with our parish community. Each time this group meets there will be times for formation, spiritual growth, friendship and community building.*

**Our next meeting will take place in January 2015.  
Look in these pages for more information soon!**

The Church must step outside herself. To go where? To the outskirts of existence, whatever they may be, but she must step out. Jesus tells us: "Go into all the world! Go! Preach! Bear witness to the Gospel!" (cf. Mk 16:15). . . In this "stepping out" it is important to be ready for encounter. For me this word is very important. Encounter with others. Why? Because faith is an encounter with Jesus, and we must do what Jesus does: encounter others. . ."

**-Pope Francis, May 18, 2013**

# OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

located in the school building  
Phone # 631.226.2384  
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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
MONDAY: 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.  
TUESDAY: 9:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.  
WEDNESDAY: 3:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M.  
THURSDAY: 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
FRIDAY: 9:00 A.M. to 12 Noon  
SATURDAY: 8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

*Our next Adult Faith Formation course will begin in January 2015...*

## **Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY**

*Here we'll look into the Church's teaching on major moral issues, the history of morality, how we make decision as Catholics and more!*

**Instructor: April Kleinlaut**

*Coordinator of Faith Formation, OLPH Church*

**5 Wednesdays—January 14, 21, 28, Feb. 4 & 11**

**Time: 10:30am—12:30pm Place: Room 16**

*To register, contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725, e-mail to [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or return the form below.*

Yes, please sign me up!

### **Living the Christian Life: INTRODUCTION TO MORALITY**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_

A fee of \$20 per person will be collected to cover the costs of materials.

# Religious Education Office Updates

**No Classes this week for Christmas Recess.**

Each year our Special Education program puts on a Christmas show. Here are some pictures of them practicing for the concert they performed yesterday, December 20th.



## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### MONDAY, December 22—

#### Late Advent Weekday

6:30	Salvatore & Filomena Mascio
12:15	Frank & Sonia Cruz & Family (Living)
7:00	Novena

### TUESDAY, December 23—

#### Advent Weekday

*(Saint John of Kanty, Priest)*

6:30	Grace Breen
12:15	Lee & Abbott Families

### WEDNESDAY, December 24—

#### Late Advent Weekday

6:30	Greg Jablonski, Sr.
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### WEDNESDAY, December 24—

#### The Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

*(Christmas Eve)*

5:00	Peter Masail (Living)
8:00	Bivona-Sottile-Lazarides Families
12:00	For the People of the Parish

### THURSDAY, December 25—

#### The Nativity of the Lord

*(Christmas)*

8:00	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
9:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
11:00	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet
12:30	Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

### FRIDAY, December 26—

#### St. Stephen, The First Martyr

6:30	The Savastano Family
12:15	Frances Delguidice

### SATURDAY, December 27—

#### Saint John, Apostle & Evangelist

8:00	Enthronement of Jesus Christ as King of Poland and All Nations
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#### Vigil for

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

5:00	Michele Quevedo
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#### Sunday, December 28

#### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

6:30	For the People of the Parish
8:00	Angelina Glass
9:30	Brianna Casillas
11:00	Dominick DeGirolamo
12:30	Kelly Skopek
5:00	Gloria Bianchi

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, December 22, 2014

7:00 AM	Advent Scripture Sharing	Room 24
1:00 PM	Church Decorating	Church
4:30 PM	Youth Choir Rehearsal	Church
7:00 PM	Novena	Church
7:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice	Church

### Tuesday, December 23, 2014

4:00 PM	CYO—Cheerleading	Auditorium
7:45 PM	Community of Praise	Room 16
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Wednesday, December 24, 2014

ALL PARISH OFFICES CLOSE  
AT 12 NOON - NO OTHER  
EVENING PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Thursday, December 25, 2014

ALL PARISH OFFICES  
CLOSED  
NO PARISH ACTIVITIES

### Friday, December 26, 2014

9:00 AM	OLPH Home School Group	Rms. 1, 2
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous—Young People	Room 24

### Saturday, December 27, 2014

1:30 PM	CYO Basketball	Auditorium
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria

### Sunday, December 28, 2014

11:00AM	RCIC	Church/Rm 16
12:00 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal	Room 16
1:30 PM	CYO—Basketball	Auditorium
5:00 PM	RCIA	Church
6:15 PM	Evening Prayer	Church
8:00 PM	Alcoholics Anonymous	Cafeteria



# EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

El grupo de oración “Jesús es el camino la verdad y la vida”. Te invita a alabar y glorificar a DIOS todos los jueves a las 7:00 PM en la cafetería. Comenzando con el Santo Rosario. Únete a nosotros en oración, Alabanzas y reflexión de la palabra de DIOS.

Todos los martes llevamos el Santo Rosario a los hogares para orar en familia. Lleva la bendición a tu casa. Interesados favor llamar a Virginia Constantino al (631) 957-1149.

**El sacramento del bautizo.** Las ceremonias bautismales se llevan a cabo cada segundo y cuarto domingo del mes. Los padres que necesiten bautizar a sus hijos deben atender alas sección de charlas, estas charlas son cada primer y tercer lunes del mes.

Para más información sobre los sacramentos del bautizo matrimonio y servicio pastorales. Unción de los enfermos y la Eucaristía, Contacto Padre Juan Sureau - 631.226-7725 x. 224 o email: [jsureau@oloph.org](mailto:jsureau@oloph.org) or en español, Irma González 631 620-2401 o correo electrónico: [lanegra628@yahoo.com](mailto:lanegra628@yahoo.com).

## Preparándonos para el domingo 28 de Diciembre—*La Sagrada Familia*

**Primera Lectura** (Eclesiastico 3,2-6, 12-14): El señor quiso que los hijos obedecieran a sus padres. Honra a Tu Padre y a tu Madre. Significa, amor respeto, obediencia, comprensión y ayuda. Estos deberían ser los fundamentos que deberían permanecer en cada familia.

**Segunda Lectura** (Colosenes 3,12-21): Vida en el Señor. Digan y hagan todo en el nombre del Señor Jesús, y tendrán la correcta relación con Dios y con los que los rodean.

**Evangelio** (Lucas 2:22-240 En Ruta con el Señor. Con esta sagrada familia Jesús revive la historia del Pueblo de Dios: Emigración de la Tierra Santa a Egipto, de Egipto a la Tierra Santa. María y José aceptan ser desarraigados e incomodados por la venida del Salvador.

### Reflexión y preguntas

Cada familia tiene sus inquietudes y sus problemas. En la fiesta de hoy, la Sagrada Familia, se nos muestra cómo María, José y Jesús tuvieron su buen cupo de problemas y aflicciones, especialmente porque la verdadera razón y el corazón de esta familia era Jesús, ese hijo desconcertante. Ellos, sus padres, hicieron todo a favor de su hijo. Lo que nos parece a nosotros más típico en la Sagrada Familia es que en todo buscaban la voluntad de Dios; esto será característico también de Jesús –la voluntad de Dios iba a ser su alimento y su bebida. -- Que el corazón de nuestras familias sea también Jesús, y con él, con María y José nos preguntemos qué es lo que Dios quiere de nosotros, y que sepamos cumplirlo.

### OLPH Telephone System

ATTENTION....ATTENTION:

Our current telephone system is obsolete. Replacement telephones and other hardware are no longer made, and the only way to get phones or parts is to search the internet and, if lucky, find someone who is selling what you need. Obviously this is like shooting in the dark; you never know how long the phones are going to last or even if they will work correctly.

In the next few weeks we will be installing a new, state-of-the-art system. As of now we do not have an exact install date, and forewarn you of the date may not be possible. The parish phone number will still be the same 631-226-7725 but the answering message and prompts will be changed. We also expect minimal disruption in service, minimal being from minutes to possibly an hour or two, not days.

Thank you for your attention and your patience during this transition.



### RELIGIOUS GOODS GIFT SHOP AVAILABLE AT OLPH

A Gift Shop with religious goods is available at OLPH. The shop is open Sunday mornings starting after the 9:30 a.m. Mass and will remain open until 2:00 p.m. Stop by and browse and shop for those religious items you have been looking for! The gift shop is accessible off of the small parking lot on High Street between the rectory and the school.

# PRAYING FOR AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*Please pray for the following members of our parish community preparing for the Sacrament of Matrimony.*

### **Third Time:**

*Aristotle Thanasas & Nicole Trincerì*

## **WE REMEMBER**

*We remember those who have died in our parish community this week:*

***Kevin Curran***

***Kevin Kelly***

*"O God, who through the ending of present things open up the beginning of things to come, grant, we pray, that the soul of your servant may be led to you to attain the inheritance of eternal redemption."*

## **WE CELEBRATE**

*God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has freed you from sin, given you a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and welcomed you into his holy people.*

**-Rite of Baptism**

***Michael Louis DeBiccari***  
***Nicholas Gioacchino Boccio***  
***Gina Marie Lupo***  
***Natalia Ziemska***

We welcome the newest members of the Catholic community here at OLPH!

## **MASS MEMORIALS**

A beautiful way to remember a loved one! Memorials used during the Masses for week of **Dec. 14-20:**

### **Altar Bread & Wine**

***For the Living & Deceased Members  
of The Johnson & Becker Families***

Requested by

***Carmel & Robert Becker***

*Please contact the Parish Office at 631.226.7725 for other options for memorials.*

## **WE BELIEVE**

*Almighty and Eternal God,  
You are the everlasting health of those  
who believe in You.*

*Hear us for Your servants  
for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy,  
that being restored to bodily health,  
they may give thanks to You in Your Church.  
Through Christ our Lord.*

**We pray for the sick of our parish...**

<b>Richard Brosan</b>	<b>John Halloweg</b>
<b>Diana De Stasio</b>	<b>Gianna Pantina</b>
<b>Bernadette Sinnott</b>	<b>Alice Leonard</b>
<b>Regina Khezikhezri</b>	<b>Nettie Deasy</b>
<b>Margaret Girgenti</b>	<b>Peggy Curran</b>
<b>Mary Doran</b>	<b>Kevin Curran</b>
<b>George Constantinou</b>	<b>Marjorie Hildemann</b>
<b>Vanessa Kercelius</b>	<b>Theresa Caltabiano</b>
<b>Tom LaBianca</b>	<b>Josephine Senatore</b>
<b>Kelly Coffin</b>	<b>Frank Raffanilli</b>
<b>Concepción Canales</b>	<b>Fran Brosan</b>
<b>Diane Romaniello</b>	<b>Jane Petti</b>
<b>Fr. Terence Hoppenjans</b>	<b>Vincenzo Rao</b>
<b>August Garofalo</b>	

If a family member or close friend is ill, please let us know so our community can pray for them. To have your name or the name of a loved one listed in our parish bulletin, please call the parish office at 631.226.7725, x. 200.

## **PRAYING FOR THE HOMEBOUND**

*We encourage everyone to keep the homebound of our parish community in your thoughts and prayers. Pray they may continue to feel connected to our parish family and may feel God's love and care each day.*



# PREPARING FOR

## Sunday, December 28, 2014

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

*The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;  
and the favor of God was upon him.—Luke 2:40*

#### Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

The book we know as “Sirach” was originally composed as a text book to train young men entering the bureaucracy in Jerusalem. It contains praises for wisdom and advice for the moral life, especially interpersonal and family relationships. These verses address the duty a son owed his parents as commanded by God. Honoring one's parents was the most important of the commandments that addressed human affairs (more important than murder, theft, adultery, and bearing false witness). Ancient cultures like that in Judea were family-oriented and elderly-centered.

#### Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Today's optional First Reading from the Book of Genesis teaches us that children in turn are a gift and blessing from God.

#### Colossians 3:12-21

God's chosen people are His representatives, the ones through whom He is made known to all the peoples of the world. The world will know us as children of God only if we resemble our Father.

#### Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

This chapter draws upon the people and events of the Old Testament to paint an inspiring portrait of religious faith, firm and unyielding in the face of any obstacles that confront it. Christians have even greater reason to remain firm in faith since they, unlike the Old Testament men and women of faith, have perceived the beginning of God's fulfillment of his messianic promises.

#### Luke 2:22-40

This story's concern with an incident from Jesus' youth is unique in the canonical gospel tradition. It presents Jesus in the role of the faithful Jewish boy, raised in the traditions of Israel, and fulfilling all that the law requires. With this episode, the infancy narrative ends just as it began, in the setting of the Jerusalem temple. At the same time, Jesus refers to God as his Father. His divine sonship, and his obedience to his heavenly Father's will, take precedence over his ties to his family.

## Readings for the Week

*Take time each day to read the daily readings of the Church.*

#### Monday, December 22, 2014:

1 Samuel 1:24-28 + Luke 1:46-56

#### Tuesday, December 23, 2014:

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24 + Luke 1:57-66

#### Wednesday, December 24, 2014:

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16  
+ Luke 1:67-79

#### Thursday, December 25, 2014:

Isaiah 52:7-10 + Hebrews 1:1-6  
+ John 1:1-18

#### Friday, December 26, 2014:

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59  
+ Matthew 10:17-22

#### Saturday, December 27, 2014:

John 1:1-4 + John 20:1a, 2-8

#### Sunday, December 28, 2014:

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14  
+ Colossians 3:12-21  
+ Luke 2:22-40

## Gospel Reflection Questions....

*After reading next Sunday's readings, take some time to reflect upon them before you come to Mass. Use the questions below to aid your reflection.*

1. Recently, the final report of the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops stated:

*The family is uniquely important to the Church and in these times, when all believers are invited to think of others rather than themselves, the family needs to be rediscovered as the essential agent in the work of evangelization. Think of the witness of so many families that fulfill their Christian mission.*

What are some ways you and your family are “uniquely important to the Evangelization work of the Church”?

2. As you read over the Gospel, what strikes your own heart about Simeon and Anna? What do you imagine they look like? What are their feelings as they see Mary and Joseph and Jesus? Imagine the scene.

3. The first reading speaks about each generation's responsibility to another in family life. How is that lived out in your family's life? What are some better ways it could be lived out?

# SERVING AND SUPPORTING ONE ANOTHER

## IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

**Parish Office:** 631.226.7725

**Religious Education:** 631.226.2384

**St. Vincent de Paul (Parish Outreach) :**

631.226.7725 X 234

**Parish Website:**

[www.olphlindenhurst.org](http://www.olphlindenhurst.org)

**Facebook:** Our Lady of Perpetual Help



## THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism ceremonies are held on the second and fourth Sundays of the month. Parents wishing to have a child baptized must attend a baptism preparation session before the baptism; these sessions are held on the first and third Thursdays of the month excluding holidays. Contact the Parish Office to begin the process of having your child baptized.

## PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Those who are seriously ill or facing surgery, as well as those in danger of death, should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Please call the Parish Office and ask for one of our priests.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Adults who wish to be baptized, or who have been baptized in another Christian faith and wish to become Catholic, or who have been baptized Catholic and wish to be confirmed and receive Holy Communion, are invited to join the process of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office to begin the process.

## ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults who have been baptized Catholic and who have received Holy Communion but who still need the Sacrament of Confirmation should enroll in our Adult Confirmation Classes. Please contact Deacon Doug or Fr. John at the Parish Office.

## THE SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please contact the Parish Office at least SIX MONTHS before the desired date of your wedding.

## YOUR PASTORAL COUNCIL

Jean Bjork  
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Pete Triolo  
Msgr. Joe DeGrocco

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Pastoral Council with any questions you might have.*

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Deacon Doug Smith  
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Alice Vozzo

*Please feel free to speak to any member of the Liturgy Committee with any questions you might have.*

# OFFERING UPDATES

## Dec. 13/14, 2014

Mass Time	Weekly Collection	# of Envelopes	Attendance
5:00 P.M.	\$2,641.00	-	345
6:30 A.M.	1214.00	46	114
8:00 A.M.	2838.00	121	257
9:30 A.M.	1989.00	-	332
11:00 A.M.	2935.00	127	430
12:30 P.M.	2062.00	86	320
5:00 P.M.	2089.00	54	266
<b>Total coin:</b>	30.25		
<b>Mail-ins:</b>	270.00		
<b>Children's env.</b>	75.90	27	
<b>Faith Direct</b>	1978.23		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,122.38</b>	<b>427*</b>	<b>2,064</b>
<b>2013 TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,244.13</b>	<b>629</b>	<b>2,022</b>
<b>Candles</b>	\$988.75		
<b>Poor Box</b>	\$422.79		

\*The number of envelopes was not recorded for the 5 P.M. and 9:30 A.M. Masses.

## FINAL DRAWING OF SUPER 72

Below are the winners for December, our last drawing for this Super 72 game. The next game drawing is in January which is a NEW game and runs from January through June, 2015. All tickets for the game ending now are destroyed SO....you must purchase tickets for the new game to be in it. Remember, the new game is BBTE (Bigger, Better, Than Ever) with two extra \$500 drawings, one in April in honor of the Lord's rising and one in May for Memorial Day remembering all veterans who have died. It's still \$40 per ticket BUT if you purchase two for \$80 you get a third for free. Tickets can be purchased at the Rectory office or at Johnston's Funeral Home.

### The December winners are:

**\$1,000 Lauren Morasse & Kevin Keller**  
**\$ 250 V & A Sortino**  
**\$ 100 John B. O'Neill**  
**\$ 100 George & Ann Crisostomo**  
**\$ 100 Jim Dejana**  
**\$ 100 Karen Novak**

## A WORD ABOUT LITURGICAL PRACTICES AND GOOD HEALTH

As we continue through the winter days of cold and flu season, it's a good time to review some common-sense liturgical practices and issues, to help everyone stay healthy and to care for one another as we gather each week for Mass.

**Holy Communion:** Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are especially encouraged to wash and sanitize their hands before Mass begins. If Communion ministers need to clean their hands during Mass, it must be done discreetly. The best way for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to clean their hands during Mass is to use a sanitizing liquid in the pew before coming into the sanctuary (sanitizing liquids have no place on the altar or among the Communion vessels and other sacred items on the credence table).

**Communion from the Chalice:** The faithful should refrain from drinking from the chalice when one has a cold or is fearful of being infected.

**Receiving on the Tongue:** Faithful who normally receive Holy Communion on the tongue should refrain from receiving on the tongue and instead receive in the hand when one has a cold or is otherwise contagious. Do not spread your saliva to the hand of the Communion minister if you are sick; receive Communion in the hand instead.

**Greeting of Peace:** Use your own discretion and best judgment when invited to exchange the greeting of peace during the liturgy; limit physical contact with others if necessary. If a handshake is not advisable, a simple bow of the head is acceptable. Do not be insulted if someone prefers to avoid shaking your hand.

**Mass Attendance: MOST IMPORTANTLY, IF YOU ARE SICK, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO MASS!**  
 There is no obligation to attend Mass if you are sick; it is not a sin to miss Mass for this reason. (Also, there is no need to go to Confession if you miss Mass because you are sick.) Personal prayer and reflection on the Sunday Scripture readings is encouraged; many people also enjoy viewing the Mass on television.

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